

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION
OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
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REMARKS

Claims 1-57 are pending in the present application. As will be discussed below, Claim 2 has been amended and Claims 58-60 have been canceled. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, entry of the present amendment is requested.

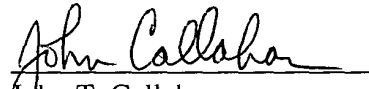
In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicants elect a species of mixed resin within the scope of dependent Claim 2, i.e., a polyamide resin. As ultimate specie of the components of the mixed resin, Applicants elect a polyamide resin obtained from metaxylylenediamine and adipic acid, and polypropylene. Further, Applicants have canceled dependent Claim 58-60 added to the instant application in the amendment filed August 15, 2002.

Also, Claim 2 has been amended to correct a typographical error introduced in the Rule 111 Amendment filed August 15, 2002 ("ally" should have been "alloy"), and delete "(A)" because reference to clause (B) of that claim was cancelled in the same Amendment.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 58, 59 and 60 are canceled.

The claims are amended as follows:

2. (Twice Amended) The mixed resin compound as defined in Claim 1, wherein said mixed resin comprises [(A)] at least one resin component selected from a polyamide resin obtained from metaxylylenediamine and adipic acid, a polyamide resin obtained from ϵ -caprolactam, and an [ally] alloy resin obtained by blending a polyamide resin with a resin having a water absorption no higher than 0.3%.